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SUBJECT: INDIAN DELEGATION TO ILO CONFERENCE, JUNE 6-27, 1973

BEGIN SUMMARY. INDIAN DELEGATION TO ILO CONFERENCE SLECTED.
INTUC WON ITS FIGHT IN ESTABLISHING ITS RIGHT, AS THE LARGEST
INDIAN TRADE UNION, TO NOMINATE THE WORKERS' GROUP DELZV-53
AND ADVISERS, DESPITE PRESSURE FROM LEFTIST LABOR MINISTER
FOR PARITY AND ANNUAL ROTATION AMONG INTUC, HMS AND CPI' S
AITUC. END SUMMARY.

1. WE INFORMALLY UNDERSTAND FOLLOWING IS COMPOSITION OF INDIAN
DELEGATION TO ILO.:

GOVERNMENT GROUP

A. MR. K. V. RAGHUNATHA REDDY (49): VISITING MINISTER - MINISTER
OF STATE OF LABOR AND REHABILITATION- FORMER CPI MEMBER, IS
STILL IN THE PROCESS OF LEARNING ABOUT LABOR AFFAIRS, BUT IS
GENERALLY CONSIDERED INTELLIGENT AND SHREWD.

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B. MRS. RAM DULARI SINHA (EARLY 60' S): DELEGATE- LABOR MINISTER, BIHAR STATE GOVERNMENT - HAS A BROAD KNOWLEDGE OF LABOR AFFAIRS, FORMER TRADE UNIONIST FROM CONGRESS (R)- ALIGNED INDIAN NATIONAL TRADE UNION CONGRESS (INTUC).

C. P. M. NAYAK (EARLY 50' S): DELEGADDE - SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT (DLE) - TOP- MOST CIVIL SERVANT IN THE DEPARTMENT, BELONGING TO THE INDIAN CIVIL SERVICE (ICS) CADRE- GENERALLY ALSO REPRESENTS GOI IN THE GOVERNING XDY - KNOWLEDGE- ABLE, INTELLIGENT, THOUGH OUTWARDLY MAY NOT GIVE SUCH APPREARANCE - USAID GRANTEE IN 1967 TO OBSERVE WORKERS' EDUCATION.

D. T. S. SANKARAN (47): ALTERNATE DELEGATE AND ADVISER - JOINT SECRETARY, DLE - BELONGS TO THE INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE (IAS) CADRE - INTELLIGENT, KNOWLEDGEABLE AS SHREWD, FRIENDLY - VISITED US ON AN ILO FELLOWSHIP IN 1971 TO STUDY WAGE SYSTEMS AND PRODUCTIVITY.

E. L. R. VERMA (52): ADVISER - JOINT DIRECTOR, DLE- DEALS WITH INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS AT THE INITIAL LEVEL OF POLICY MATTERS - KNOWLEDGEABLE.

F. ONE OFFICIAL FROM INDIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN GENEVA.

EMPLOYERS' GROUP

A. HARI SHANKAR SINGHANIA (39): DELEGATE - PRESIDENT ALL- INDIA ORGANIZATION OF EMPLOYERS - CAPABLE, YOUNG, INTELLIGENT AND DYNAMIC BUSINESS LEADER, RESPECTED IN COMMUNITY - CONNECTED WITH TEXTILE, ENGINEERING, BANKING AND PHILANTHROPIC INSTITUTIONS - HAS EXTENSIVE BUSINESS CONNECTIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES.

B. D. P. GOENKA (58): ADVISER - INDUSTRIALIST - VICE PRESIDENT, EMPLOYERS' FEDERATION OF INDIA - CHAIRMAN AND MANAGING DIRECTOR OF OCTAVIUS STEEL AND COMPANY, LTD., CALCUTTA - BROTHER OF MR. K. P. GOENKA, PROMINENT INDUSTRIALIST IN EASTERN INDIA.

C. C. N. VAKIL (55): ADVISER - SECRETARY, EMPLOYDUS' FEDERATION
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OF INDIA - RIGHT- HAND MAN OF PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS' SPOKESMAN OF INDIA, MR. NAVAL TATA - INTELLIGENT, KNOWLEDGEABLE, FRIENDLY.

D. B. L. WADHERA (46): ADVISER - DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, NATIONAL COAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (A PUBLIC SECTOR CORPORATION) - FORMER INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ADVISER, FERTILIZER CORPORATION OF INDIA (ANOTHER PUBLIC SECTOR CORPORATION) - AID GRANTEE FY 68 - INTELLIGENT, KNOWLEDGEABLE, FRIENDLY.

WORKERS' GROUP

A. C. M. STEPHEN (55): DELEGATE - CONGRESS (R) MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT-TREASURER, NATIONAL INTUC AND PRESIDENT, KERALA STATE BRANCH - ALSO CONNECTED WITH FOOD AND DRINKS AND COMMERCIAL AND BANKING INDUSTRIES - VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NOW DEFUNCT NEHRU STUDY FORUM - NARROWLY LOST HIS ELECTION AS SECRETARY TO THE CONGRESS PARLIAMENTARY PARTY - WAS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL HOSTS TO THE AFL- CIO DELEGATION TO INDIA, MARCH 1972 - ALSO PRESENT AT THE COURTESY CALL OF THE AMBASSADOR ON INTUC PRESIDENT BHAGAVATI - INTELLIGENT, KNOWLEDGEABLE AND FRIENDLY.

B. R. N. SHARMA (58): ADVISER - PRESIDENT, INDIAN NATIONAL MINeworkers' FEDERATION (INTUC) - CONGRESS (R) MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT - MEMBER, INTUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT COAL MINING INDUSTRY 31 APPEARS TO BE A LITTLE RESERVED BUT FRIENDLY - HAS BEEN PARTICIPANT IN ILO COAL MINING COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

C. R. N. PATHAK (EARLY 50' S): ADVISER - PRESIDENT. INDIA, NATIONAL LEATHER WORKERS' FEDERATION (INTUC) - GENERAL SECRETARY, INDIAN NATIONAL DEFENSE WORKERS' FEDERATION (INTUC) - MEMBER, INTUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - FRIENDLY, KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT DEFENSE AND LEATHER INDUSTRIES.

D. D. S. PAWASKAR (53): ADVISER - ORGANIZING SECRETARY, RASHTRIYA MILL MAZDOOR SANGH (NATIONAL TEXTILE WORKERS' UNION), BOMBAY (INTUC).

2. NAYAK' S ETD MAY 31. ETD OF REMAINING GOVERNMENT GROUP INCLUDING GOI LABOR MINISTER IS JUNE 2. STEPHEN ETD JUNE 4
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TO BE IN TIME FOR WORKERS' GROUP MEETING. SHARMA, PATHAK AND PAWASKAR EXPECTED TO LEAVE BY JUNE 5.

3. COMMENT: SINCE 1971, COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA (CPI) CONTROLLED ALL- INDIA TRADE UNION CONGRESS (AITUC) AND INDEPENDENT HIND MAZDOOR SABHA (HMS) WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE PRO- SOVIET MINISTER OF LABOR (THEN KHADILKAR) HAS TRIED TO FORCE A " PARITY" AND " ROTATION" FORMULA WHEREBY EACH IN TURN WOULD DESIGNATE THE WORKERS' GROUP IN THE INDIAN DELEGATION TO THE ILO CONFERENCE. IF THEY HAD SUCCEEDED,
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